STATE OF INDIANA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO. ____9 - 2012

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLARK COUNTY LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners of Clark County, Indiana (this "Board"), is the executive body of Clark County government pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-2-2-2; and,

WHEREAS, the Borden, Henryville, Marysville, and Otisco areas of Clark County sustained severe damages to persons and properties from tornados that hit such areas on March 2, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, this Board executed two (2) separate delegations of authority to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") to provide and manage emergency response efforts until the extraordinary risks to lives and public health and safety had passed, which delegations have now expired; and,

WHEREAS, on declaration by President Obama, Clark County residents and property owners adversely affected by damages from the tornados may now be eligible for Individual Assistance ("IA") through the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and,

WHEREAS, such residents and property owners may also be eligible to receive assistance from State agencies, charitable organizations, and countless volunteers who continue to donate their time to recovery efforts from this local disaster emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on recommendation of the Emergency Operations Command ("EOC") that was mobilized by the DHS to coordinate the emergency response efforts to date, this Board now

finds that it should establish an administrative structure for the provision of individual assistance following the termination of emergency response efforts and the commencement of local recover efforts, and this Board now adopts this Ordinance for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this Board of Clark County Commissioners as follows:

- 1. <u>Establishment of Long-Term Recovery Committee.</u> This Board hereby establishes the Clark County Long-Term Recovery Committee. The seven (7) permanent and voting members of this Committee shall be the following:
- a. The duly appointed and serving president of this Board (presently Les Young);
- b. The duly appointed and serving director of the Clark County Emergency Management Agency (the "EMA") (presently Les Kavanaugh), who shall be responsible for administering the Community Planning Subcommittee and functions described in the Framework Document attached hereto as Exhibit "A";
- c. The executive director of River Hills Regional Planning Agency ("River Hills") (presently Jill Saegesser), who shall be responsible for administering the Economic Recovery Subcommittee and functions described in the attached Framework Document;
- d. The director of the Clark County Health Department, or his designee, who shall be responsible for administering the Health and Social Services Subcommittee and functions described in the attached Framework Document;
- e. The duly elected and serving Clark County Surveyor, or his designee, who shall be responsible for administering the Infrastructure Recovery Subcommittee and functions described in the attached Framework Document;

- f. The duly elected and serving president of , or its designee, who shall be responsible for administering the Natural Resources Subcommittee and functions described in the attached Framework Document; and,
- g. A designee of the Clark County Plan Commission who shall be responsible for administering the Housing Recovery Subcommittee and functions described in the attached Framework Document.

The Wood Township Trustee, the Monroe Township Trustee, the Washington Township Trustee, the Oregon Township Trustee, the Clark County Auditor, and any financial assistance consultant subsequently identified by the president of this Board shall serve as advisory, non-voting members of the Committee. The Clark County Attorney shall provide legal advice and guidance to the Committee as requested.

2. <u>Meeting and Functions of the Committee</u>. The Committee's primary objective shall be to oversee, manage, and coordinate all available individual assistance from all sources, both public and private, in a manner that maximizes the benefits available to adversely affected Clark County citizens and property owners, and minimizes the bureaucratic "red-tape" that such persons must get through in order to obtain such assistance to the extent practicable. The Committee shall hold an organizational meeting within ten (10) days following the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall meet thereafter as it deems necessary to fulfill its objectives. The Committee shall adopt such rules and procedures as it deems appropriate for its purposes, but shall attempt to utilize *The Long-Term Recovery Guide* published by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster ("N-VOAD") incorporated herein by reference to the fullest extent possible. Nothing in this Ordinance shall reduce or diminish this Board's continuing

exclusive management and control of all public assistance issues regarding the emergency response and recovery from a local standpoint.

- 3. <u>Amendment</u>. The composition of the Committee and its assigned functions and procedures shall remain subject to the oversight of this Board, and the provisions of this Ordinance may be modified, amended, or revoked at any time in the discretion of this Board pursuant to subsequent amendment of this Ordinance.
- 4. <u>Effective Date of Ordinance</u>. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and promulgation as evidenced by the affirmative signatures of the undersigned as the majority of the duly elected and serving members of this Board.

So Ordained this 215 day of March, 2012.

Members voting "NO":

Les Young, President

M. Edward Meyer, Commissioner

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John D. Perkins, Commissioner

Attested by: